SENATE BILL 3113

By Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, relative to electronic benefits transfer cards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

71-1-116.

For any program under this title that makes use of electronic benefit transfer [EBT] cards issued by the department of human services to deliver benefits, the department shall require cashiers at the point of sale to request a photo identification card at any time when an EBT card is presented. The sale shall not be completed unless the identification card matches the name assigned to the EBT card. On request, the department shall issue a photo identification card to each eligible household as proof of eligibility to use the EBT card. The commissioner of human services shall adopt rules under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5 concerning the use of photo identification cards required under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.